



# 50. Nordic Military Shooting Championships 2018

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Pori Brigade  
Säkylä, Hälvälä



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# Finnish Army Commander's Greeting at the Nordic Military Shooting Championships

This year Finland has been granted the honour of organising the Nordic Military Shooting Championships.

These championships will now be pursued for the 50th time.

The Finnish Army has the pleasure to organise this event that will stage the best Nordic military shooters competing with each other. The Pori Brigade is responsible for the implementation of the competition events. We are pleased to be able to host Nordic soldiers as guests of the Finnish Army.

In the Nordic countries, soldiers sustain excellent relations and healthy competition. In fact, in a meeting held each year, also Nordic Army Commanders engage in determining the best shooter in their midst.

Skills in shooting and weapon handling equal the most seminal soldier skills. Shooting competitions measure the competitors' ability in demanding shooting performance while under pressure. Being successful in competitions presupposes that the competitors sustain training and remain well prepared, since it is only the hits that count.

As patron of this competition, I wish all the competitors the best of success in the Nordic Military Shooting Championships!

*Commander of the Finnish Army  
Lieutenant General Petri Hulkko*





## Address by Competition Director

Distinguished competitors! I have the pleasure to welcome you to Huovinrinne in Säskylä to partake in the Nordic Military Shooting Championships that the Pori Brigade is now honored to be hosting.

Over the past years, the Pori Brigade has been developed into a versatile Finnish Army readiness unit and military training centre. This development has also entailed further enhancing the programme for weapons and marksmanship training as well as improving both the regular firing ranges and the field firing training locations. The significance of shooting skills continues to be validated also on the modern battlefield.

Operating in the Niinisalo and Säskylä garrison areas and undertaking continuous development, the Pori Brigade remains relevant also as a regional actor. Currently, the Pori Brigade employs approximately 650 persons alongside whom 350 persons representing cooperation partners operate working in the brigade. On an annual basis, we train circa 4,000 conscripts and more than 1,000 peace keepers as resolute national defenders and competent specialists in crisis management.

Again, with these words, I wish you all welcome to the 2018 Nordic Military Shooting Championships.

The competition events in shooting will take place in the best possible locations, i.e. both here in Säskylä and at the Hälvälä Shooting Range in Lahti. The main venue for the accommodation and all other events will be in Säskylä.

I wish you all success. Let us together make this a competition that fosters fairness and swiftness.

*Competition Director*  
*Lieutenant Colonel Torsti Astrén*  
*Chief of Staff of the Pori Brigade*



## Pori Brigade in Brief

### **Pori Brigade - Capability for National defence and Crisis Management**

Operating in the area of Western Finland, the Pori Brigade provides conscript training in Säskylä and Niinisalo.

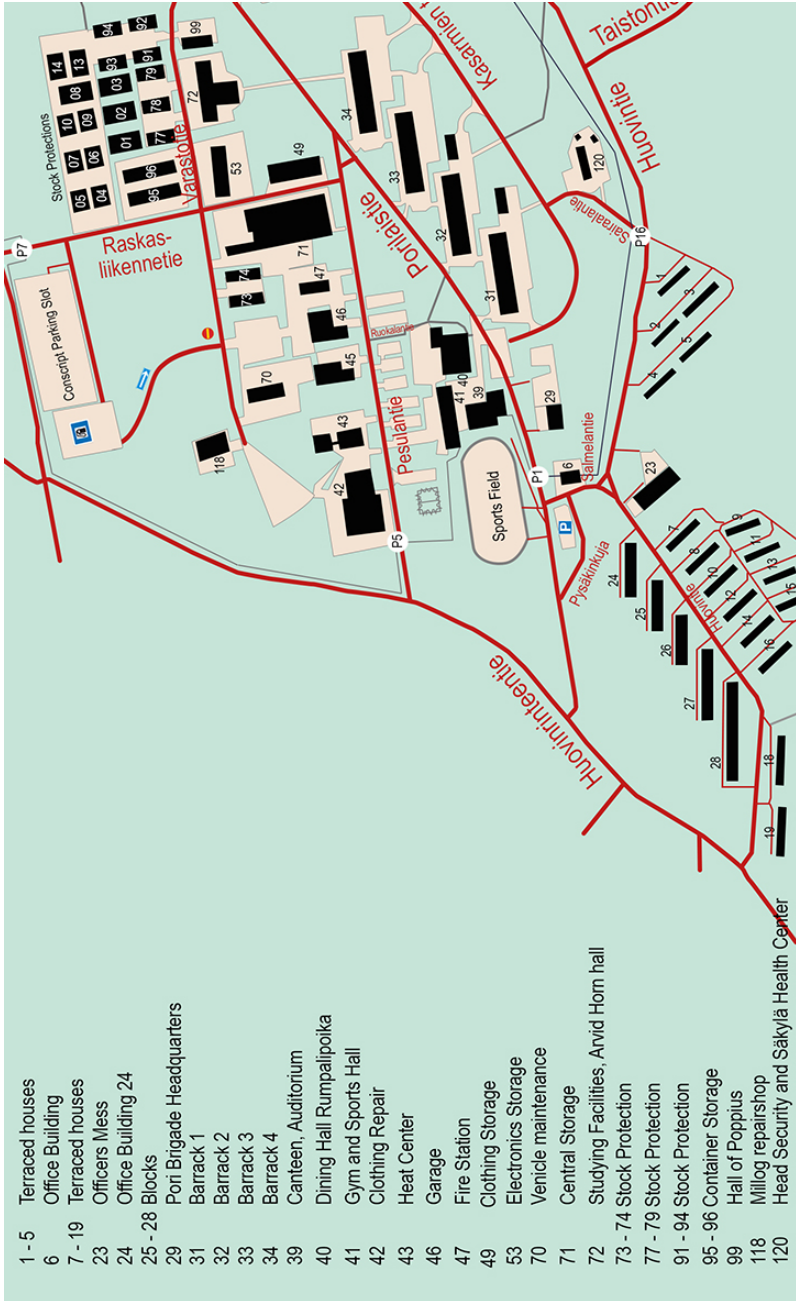
The daily life in the Pori Brigade entails strong interaction between carrying out both national duties and international tasks. We train conscripts as resolute national defenders and volunteer reservists as professional peace keepers capable of operating in international crisis management missions.

We sustain and develop military readiness in Western Finland. In conscription matters, our regional offices serve the regions of Åland, Southwest Finland, and Satakunta as well as Ostrobothnia, South Ostrobothnia and Central Ostrobothnia.

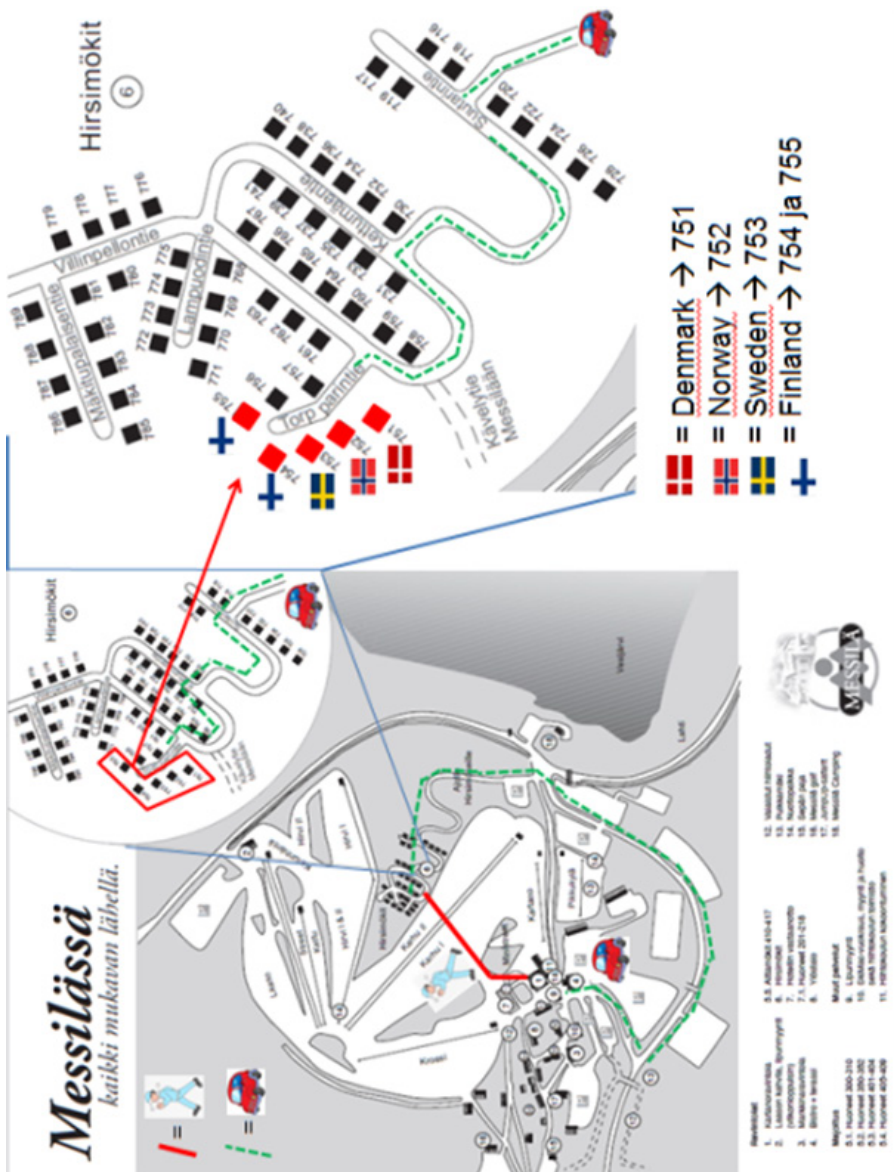
Brigadier General Rami Saari serves as Commander of the Pori Brigade.



# Map of the Garrison Area



# Map of Messilä





# Programme

## Monday 25 June

Arrivals	As announced	
Lunch	10:30-13:30	
Familiarisation with 50 m Rifle and 25 m Pistol Ranges	14:00-17:00	
Planning Meeting	17:30	Dining hall Rumpalipoika
Weapons Inspection	14:00-17:00	Accommodation barrack, street floor (voluntary)
Opening Ceremony	19:00	Dining hall Rumpalipoika

## Tuesday 26 June

### 300 m Rifle Competition Events, Hälvälä (Lahti)

Transportation to Lahti	07:00 - 10:00	Behind accommodation barrack
Team Competition	10:45 - 12:45	300 m range, Hälvälä shooting range
Lunch	13:00 - 14:00	Soramäen Pirtti
Standard Rifle 3 x 20 rds, Individual Competition	15:00 - 17:00	300 m range, Hälvälä shooting range
Accommodation and Dinner, Messilä	18:30	Camping area Messilä

### 25 m Pistol Competition Events, Säskylä

25 m Centre Fire Pistol, 30 + 30 rds, Men		
25 m Sports Pistol, 30+30 rds, Women		
Practice	08:00-09:00	25 m Pistol Range
Canteen at shooting range	08:00-10:00	
Team Competition	10:00-12:00	25 m Pistol Range
Lunch	10:30-13:30	Dining Hall Rumpalipoika
Individual Competition	14:30-16:30	25 m Pistol Range

### 50 m Rifle Events, Säskylä

Practice, 50 m Standard Rifle	08:00-09:30	50 m Rifle Range
Canteen at shooting range	08:00-10:00	
50 m Rifle, 60 rds, Women's Team Competition	11:00-11:50	50m Rifle Range
Lunch	10:30-13:30	Dining Hall Rumpalipoika
50 m Rifle, 3 x 40 rds, Women's Team Competition	14:30-17:15	50m Rifle Range

## Wednesday 27 June

### 300m Rifle Competition Events, Hälvälä (Lahti)

Breakfast, Messilä	06:15-07:30	Camping area Messilä
Team Competition	0800 - 0930	Hälvälä Shooting Range
Military Rapid Fire Rifle, 3 x 20 rds, Individual Competition	11:00 - 12:30	Hälvälä Shooting Range
Lunch	13:15 - 14:00	Soramäen Pirtti
Transportation to Säskylä	14:00	
Dinner	17:00	Dining Hall Rumpalipoika



### 25 m Pistol Competition Events, Säkylä

25 m Centre Fire Pistol, Military Rapid Fire, Men  
25 m Sports Pistol, Rapid Fire, Women

Practice	08:00-09:00	25 m Pistol Range
Canteen at shooting range	08:00-10:00	
Team Competition	10:00-12:00	25 m Pistol Range
Lunch	10:30-13:30	Dining Hall Rumpalipoika
Individual Competition	14:30-16:30	25 m Pistol Range

### 50 m Rifle Events, Säkylä

Practice, 50 m Rifle	08:00-09:30	50 m Rifle Range
Canteen at shooting range	08:00-10:00	
50 m Rifle, 60 rds, Women's Individual Competition	11:00-11:50	50 m Rifle Range
Lunch	10:30-13:30	Dining Hall Rumpalipoika
50 m Rifle, 3 x 40 rds, Women's Individual Competition	14:30-17:15	50 m Rifle Range

### Field Shooting Practice

Pistol	17:00	Shooting range area, Säkylä
Rifle	18:00-19:30	Shooting range area, Säkylä
Nordic Technical Meeting	17:30	Dining facility, cabinet
Competition for Chiefs of Mission	19:00	Behind Accomodation Barrack

## Thursday 28 June

### Field Shooting, Rifle, Men

Individual & Team Competition	08:00-13:00	Transportation from Accomodation Barrack
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### Field Shooting, Pistol, Men

Individual & Team Competition	11:30-16:00	Transportation from Accomodation Barrack
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### Field Shooting, Pistol, Women

Individual & Team Competition	11:30-15:00	Transportation from Accomodation Barrack
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### 10 m Air Gun, Women

Practice	08:00-09:15	Gym and Sports Hall
Team Competition	10:15-11:30	Gym and Sports Hall
Lunch	10:30-14:00	Dining Hall Rumpalipoika
Individual Competition	14:15-15:30	Sports building

Awards Ceremony and Closing Ceremony, Banquet	18:30 -	Officer's Mess
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## Friday 29 June

Teams' Departures

# NMSC 2018 Organisation

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## Competition Office

Located in a classroom in the Accommodation Barracks, the Competition Office features a noticeboard and nation-specific mailboxes that will be used for daily disseminating specifying instructions as well as classification results.

The opening hours of the Competition Office are as follows:

Mon 25 June	at 10:00 - 20:00
Tue 26 June	at 06:45 - 20:00
Wed 27 June	at 07:00 - 19:00
Thu 28. June	at 07:00 - 18:00
Fri 29 June	at 07:00 - 10:00

The Competition Office is run by 1st Lt. Topi Hellsten, tel. +358 299 441 278.

## Registration

When entering the Garrison Area premises, the teams need to register first at the Competition Office. The Chiefs of Mission must announce the strength of their respective teams and double-check for accuracy the identification data on the pre-registered competitors as well as their given competition events.

Any changes on the registration information must be delivered to the Competition Office in writing no later than Tuesday 26.6. at 08:00.

## Regulations

The following regulations will apply during the NMSC 2018:

- General Regulations governing Military Championships in the Nordic framework, 2017
- The regulations governing Military Shooting Championship in Nordic framework, 2017
- CISM - Sports Regulation Shooting 2017 (Military Rapid Fire)
- International Shooting Federation (ISSF) Rifle and Pistol Shooting Regulations

## Events

### Opening Ceremony

On 25 June at 19:00, the Opening Ceremony will take place at the Porilaisaukio Square followed by an Opening Reception at the Dining Hall Rumpalipoika. The Opening Ceremony will be attended by all leadership, staff of the Competition Office as well as Chief Range Officers and Officers in Charge of Firing. The Chiefs of Mission will report their respective teams to Competition Director, Lieutenant Colonel Torsti Astrén, who reports the force to Commander of the Pori Brigade. The Invocation of the Opening Ceremony will be followed by the Ceremonial Raising of the Flag after which the Opening Reception will be hosted at the Dining Hall Rumpalipoika.

The Opening Reception begins with an opening toast as well as address by Commander of the Pori Brigade, and is to be concluded by 20:00.



## **Planning Meeting**

On 25 June at 17:30, the planning meeting will be organised in a cabinet room of the Dining Hall Rumpalipoika to be chaired by Competition Director with Chief of Competition Office as the secretary.

This planning meeting will be attended by the Chiefs of Mission, Team Captains, and Team Coaches as well as technical specialists and Chief Range Officers and Officers in Charge of Firing.

## **Nordic Technical Meeting**

On 27 June at 17:30, Finland will be the nation in charge of the technical meeting that is to take place in the Dining Hall Rumpalipoika cabinet room chaired by Lieutenant Colonel Mikko Taussi, and organised by the Competition Office who also assigns the secretary for the meeting. The chair and secretary of the meeting are responsible for distribution of the protocol minutes to the representatives of the DEFCOMFIN as well as all the participating nations during the course of the competition.

## **Competition for Chiefs of Mission**

The traditional Competition for Chiefs of Mission will be organised on Wednesday 27 June. The participating nations nominate a five-member team each that will be headed by the given Chief of Mission. The team members are the Team Captains and Coaches supplemented by the competitors. The teams will gather in behind the Accommodation Barracks on Wednesday 27 June at 19:00 to be transported to the competition location by bus and are advised to wear sports clothing or the service dress.

Programme of the Competition for Chiefs of Mission on 27 June 2018:

Gathering in front of the Accommodation Barracks	at 19:00
Competing	at 19:10-20:30
Having an evening meal at the Dining Hall Rumpalipoika	at c.20:30-23:00

## **Closing Ceremony**

The Awards Ceremony and the Banquet Dinner will be organised at the Säkylä Officers' Club to continue until 23:00 at the latest, featuring the Conscript Band of the Navy Band.

## **Accommodation**

The Chiefs of Mission will be accommodated in the guest rooms of the Säkylä Garrison, and all other team members will be accommodated in the Accommodation Barracks. Depending on the given team's strength, the team will be allocated altogether from 2 to 4 barracks rooms. The women will have their own barracks rooms.

## **Weapons and Cartridges**

### **Storage of Weapons and Cartridges**

The weapons and cartridges, firearms and ammunition utilised as part of the NMSC 2018, will all be stored in the set containers located outdoors in front of the Accommodation Barracks. Each participating nation will be given its bespoke container with a key in the team's possession and a spare enveloped at the Competition Office.

An equivalent container will also remain available safeguarded in the Hälvälä Competition Centre in Lahti.

### **Inspections of Weapons and Equipment**

The weapons inspections will involve post-event inspections as determined by the referees. In addition, a post-event inspection of trigger tension will be conducted on Centre Fire Pistol and Standard Rifle competitors' firearms.

During the competition event days, the competitors may double-check the trigger tension while at the firing ranges.

### **Weapons**

It remains strictly forbidden to service any weapons in the barracks rooms.

Weapons' maintenance is only allowed in the downstairs hall of the Accommodation Barracks.

## Meals

In the Säkylä Garrison, the meals will be served at the Garrison Restaurant Rumpalpoika [Drummer Boy] as follows:

Breakfast	06:00 - 08:00
Lunch	10:30 - 13:30
Dinner	16:00 - 18:00

The evening meals will be available at dinner in the form of take-out bags.

## Menu

### Mon 25 June

Breakfast	Porridge with Jam
Lunch	Sausage Soup, Black Currant Quark Dessert
Dinner	Minced Meat Sauce and Potatoes

### Tue 26 June

Breakfast	Porridge with Juice Soup
Lunch	Minced Meat and Pasta Casserole, Orange & Strawberry Jelly
Dinner	Coconut & Vegetable Curry on Rice

### Wed 27 June

Breakfast	Porridge with Jam, Karelian Pie, Boiled Egg
Lunch	Pork Sauce and Potatoes, Blueberry & Lime Mousse
Dinner	Chicken and Pasta Casserole

### Thu 28 June

Breakfast	Porridge, Yoghurt
Lunch	Traditional Pea Soup, Pancakes
Dinner	Mexican Fish Stew

### Fri 29 June

Breakfast	Porridge, Yoghurt
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Each meal will include a selection of refreshments, bread, salad or vegetables, and equivalent.



## **Soldiers' Home Canteen and Garrison Club as well as Other Activities**

A Mobile Soldiers' Home will be available at the Firing Ranges from 26 June to 27 June and at the Field Firing Range Area on 28 June. Similarly, there will be a Mobile Soldiers' Home Canteen in Hälvälä available from Lahti from 26 June to 27 June 2018.

The Garrison Club will be open during the competition week as follows:

25 June	at 20:00-23:00
26 June	at 19:00-23:00
27 June	at 18:00-23:00
28 June	at 17:00-01:00

## **Other Activities**

### **Competition for Chiefs of Mission**

On Wednesday 27 June starting at 19:00, there will be a light-hearted programme available for Chiefs of Mission and organisation leadership. All teams are invited to have three people participate from each team.

### **Leisure Activities**

- All participants are offered the opportunity to engage in sports activities on a daily basis at 06:00 - 20:30. The following sports functions will be available in the Säkyllä Garrison Area:
- Kuntotalo Building: Open on weekdays at 06:00-20:30 (Racket and ball sports; Gym and Muscle fitness; Combat sports; Swimming & Sauna)
- Frisbeegolf (Myllypuro Sports Ground)
- Sports Ground (Racket and ball sports; Running)
- Artificial Grass Field (Racket and ball sports; Muscle fitness)
- Outdoors Tracks and Off-Track Routes (Running)
- In the Kuntotalo Building, on duty conscripts will provide additional information as applicable, tel. +358 299 441 283.

# Transportation

Upon arrival, each NMSC 2018 Chief of Mission will be allocated a van which the teams are then to primarily use for transportation purposes.

However, transportation between competition locations will be carried out by bus in non-team-specific vehicles in the instances listed below:

- On 26.6.at 07:30: Bus transportation to Lahti for the 300 m rifle competitors, departing in front of the Accommodation Barracks (the bus will be available for the competitors throughout the entire stay in Lahti).
- On 27.6.2018 at 13:00: Bus transportation to Säkylä for the 300 m rifle competitors to Säkylä, departing at the 300 m range.
- On 27.6.2018 at 19:00: Bus transportation to the Competition for Chiefs of Mission, departing in front of the Accommodation Barracks.

In addition, transportation between competition locations will be carried out in shared off-road vehicles provided by the organisers in the following two instances:

- On 28.6.2018 at 8:00: Off-road vehicles (altogether 5) departing in front of the Accommodation Barracks taking the Rifle Field Shooting Sections to the Field Firing Range Area.
- On 28.6.2018 at 12:00: Off-road vehicles departing in front of the Accommodation Barracks taking the Pistol Field Shooting Sections to the Field Firing Range Area.

In case of supplementary transportation needs, the Competition Office will arrange for a van (Taxi), tel. +358 299 441 278 or +358 299 441 281. As regards transportation vehicle maintenance, please contact Transportation Officer, 1st Lt. Mika Koivisto, tel. +358 299 441 851.

# Competition Locations

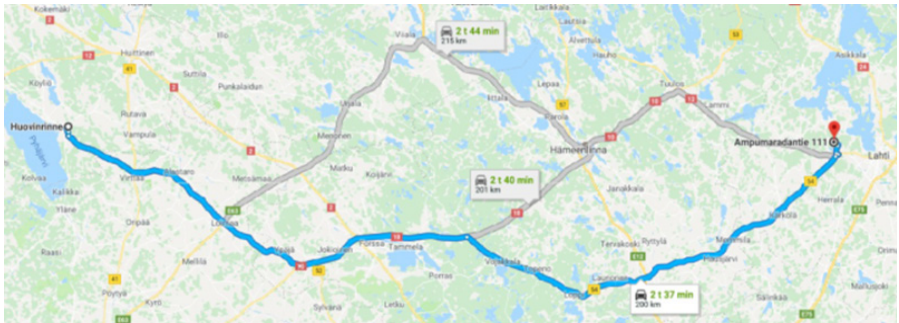
The NMSC 2018 will take place in three competition locations: the Range Firing Events are scheduled in Hälvälä and Säkylä, and the Field Shooting Events in Säkylä, respectively.

## Hälvälä, Hollola

**Location address: Ampumaradantie 127, 15880 Hollola**

The Hälvälä Firing Range is located in the Säkylä Garrison Area. As the distance from Huovininrinne, Säkylä, to Hälvälä, Hollola, Lahti, is some 200 km, the time to destination will be c. 2h 40min. The Hälvälä Firing Range serves as the venue for the Men's Rifle Competition Events.

### MAP OF THE DRIVING ROUTE



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